

THE POWER OF DISTRACTION

(WWJD: Why Wouldn't Jesus Date?)

*"Above all else, guard your affections. For they influence everything else in your life.
~ Proverbs 4:23 (TLB)*

Honoring God in our relationships...

A. Could there be a _____ way?

1. This is my _____ (Heb 13:7,2 Tim 2:2)
2. It works & _____ God (Eph 5:10)
3. God wants to _____, not restrict (Philem 8; 1 Cor 7:35)

B. God's Plan For the Church: _____.

1. We are to be "_____." (Eph 5:25-27, 1 Cor 13; Jn 13:34)

Goal: "What people need is to feel valued for more than what they have to _____."

2. God wants "_____ " in the church (1 Cor 12:25)

C. Selfishness _____ God's plan for the church

1. Partiality _____ a family.

Partiality: "The quality of or relating to a _____ rather than the _____."

2. People will feel "_____ "

D. Showing partiality & favoritism is _____.

1. The games Christians play --
- "They may, we may _____."

2. "Classic Dating" is based on _____.

E. God's Standard's Are Pretty _____!

1. Absolute _____ . (1 Tim 5:1-2)
2. Nothing out of _____ . (1 Tim 5:21)
3. Do nothing out of _____ ambition... (Phil 2:3)
4. No hint of _____ . (Eph 5:3,4)

F. Some Healthy _____:

1. _____ beware!
"What leaders do in moderation, followers will do to _____."
2. Ask yourself: "Am I being _____ here?"
3. Guard your _____! (Prov 4 & 7)
4. Be careful when you are _____ . (Limit)
5. _____ alone at night!

G. What Should I _____?

1. Hang around in _____.
2. Put your flesh to _____.
3. Practice "Self-Control!" - _____! (Lam 2:26, SofS 2:7)

"If you seek a _____ you'll get a spouse... if you seek the Lord, you'll get the _____ spouse."

4. Dating with a _____ -- the better solution
 - a) Get to know from a "distance" before pursuing
 - b) Get counsel (Proverbs 15:22)
 - c) Get God's mind (word & prayer)
 - d) Be _____!